

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By **REP. BRUCE SIMON**, on January 14, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)  
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. David Ewer (D)  
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)  
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)  
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)  
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch  
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB: 97, 184, 227, 229,  
1/14/1999

**HEARING ON HB 227**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Molnar, HD 22 introduced HB 227.  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 63}***

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:**

Douglas Klein, Collection Bureau Assn. and Associated Credit Bureau. **EXHIBIT**(buh10a01)

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 63 - 126}***

Robert Throssell, Montana Magistrates Association.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 126 - 166}***

Bob Pyfer, League of Montana Credit Unions

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 166 - 207}***

Amy Pfeifer, Mt. Public Health and Human Services, Child Support Enforcement Div.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 207 - 243}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Simon questions Throssell.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 243 - 350}***

Reps. Sliter and Bookout question Rep. Molnar.

***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 350 - 500}***

Rep. Brown questions Throssell***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 42}***

Rep. Lawson questions Rep. Molnar

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 42 - 63}***

Rep. Simon questions Douglas Klein

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 63 - 88}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Molnar closed HB 227.

**EXHIBIT**(buh10a02) **EXHIBIT**(buh10a08)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 88 - 187}***

**HEARING ON HB 229**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Ewer, HD 53 introduced HB 229.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 187 - 207}***

**Proponents:**

Alec Hanson, League of Cities and Towns

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 207 - 243}***

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Bitney questions Alec Hanson

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 243 - 271}***

Rep. Simon questions Rep. Ewer and Alec Hanson

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 271 - 336}***

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Ewer closed HB 229.

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 336 - 338}***

**HEARING ON HB 97 AND 184**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Harper, HD 52 introduced HB 97 and 184.

**EXHIBIT** (buh10a03)

***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 338 - 500}***

**Proponents:**

Dick Croft, MT Commissioner of Higher Education.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 171}***

Cathy Conover, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 171 - 263}***

Sheila Stearns, Chancellor, Western Montana College

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 263 - 319}***

Mark Jutila, Montana State University School of Veterinary Science.

***{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 319 - 425}***

Carol Erickson, International Heart Institute Foundation.

**EXHIBIT** (buh10a04)

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 425 - 500}**

Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 14}**

Bruce Davidson,

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14 - 27}**

John Mercer, Scientist, McLaughlin Inst. Gt, Falls, MT

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 118}**

Evan Barrett, MT Economic Development Assn.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 118 - 189}**

Alec Hanson, MT League of Cities and Towns

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 189 - 223}**

Jani McCall, City of Billings

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 223 - 235}**

**Opponents:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Rep. Stovall questions Conover and Jutila

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 235 - 333}**

Rep. Pavlovich questions Rep. Harper

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 333 - 337}**

Rep. Bitney questions Conover

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 337 - 348}**

Rep. Juneau question Mercer

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 348 - 388}**

Rep. Masolo questions Mercer

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - 406}**

Rep. Bookout questions Jutila.

**{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 406 - 436}**

Rep. Simon questions Sen. Doherty and Rep. Harper

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 22}**

Rep. Stovall questions Rep. Harper

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 22 - 33}**

Rep. Bookout questions Conover

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 33 - 46}**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Harper and Sen. Doherty closed HB 97 and 184. **EXHIBIT**(buh10a05)

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 46 - 120}**

Rep. Simon explains to committee consequences of Job and Industry Committee and any conflicting bills.

**{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 120 - 316}**

#### **HEARING ON HJR 10 COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Hibbard, HD 54. This is a report on HJR 10 Committee. **EXHIBIT**(buh10a06) **EXHIBIT**(buh10a07)

**(Tape 3; Side A; Approx. Time Counter: 316 - 500)**

#### **Informational:**

Judge McCarter, Workmen's Comp Judge. **EXHIBIT** 6 and 7.

**(Tape. 3; Side B; Approx. Time Counter: 000 - 79)**

John Sullivan, Helena Attorney

**(Tape 3; Side B; Approx. Time Counter: 79 - 155)**

Tom Snyder, Board of Personnel Appeals

**(Tape 3: Side B; Approx. Time Counter: 155- 181)**

John Andrews, Department of Labor introduces entire Committee.

**(Tape 3; Side B; Approx. Time Counter: 181-204)**

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

Reps. Krenzler, Bookout, Ewer Stovall, Squires and Tuss questions Rep. Hibbard, Salvanti and Snyder.

**(Tape 3; Side B; Approx. Time Counter: 204-359)**

**Closing by Sponsor:** Rep. Hibbard

**(Tape 3; Side B; Approx. Time Counter: 359-419)**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

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REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

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PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (buh10aad)